



## DISABILITY AND COMMUNICATION ACCESS BOARD

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### INTERPRETIVE OPINION

Pursuant to §103-50, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), all buildings and facilities constructed by, or on behalf of the State or any county, shall conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) and amendments. In accordance to HRS §103-50 and Chapter 11-217, Hawaii Administrative Rules, the Disability and Communication Access Board has authority to issue interpretive opinions to HRS §103-50 design standards.

**Docket:** **DCAB 2000-07** Interpretive Opinion on AAC #93-43.552. The requirement for a 5'-0" long landing for *parallel* curb ramps does not address those that are radial, which have wedge-shaped landings. What would be the minimum landing length and width requirement given the shorter, inside dimension?

**Summary:** It is desirable for parallel curb ramps, including those with keystone or wedge-shaped landings, to have landings at least as wide as the ramp run leading to it, and for the landing length to be a minimum of 60 inches clear (4.8.4(1 and 2), Ramp Landings). However, in alterations, where design solutions have little likelihood of being made accessible because other existing physical or site constraints prohibit modification in full and strict compliance with the minimum requirements for new construction necessary to provide accessibility, DCAB's *Technical Infeasibility Statement* may be used.

**Ruling:** For buildings or facilities subject to HRS §103-50,

**AAC #93-43.552: Curb Ramps, ADAAG 4.7, Curb Ramps, 4.8.4, Ramp Landings.**

Parallel curb ramps, including those with keystone or wedge-shaped landings, shall have a minimum inside landing length of 5'-0".

[Rul: 11/00] (Auth and Imp: HRS §103-50)

If you have any questions or comments regarding this ruling, please call us at 586-8121.

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